

Council of Social Agencies  
796 Broad Street  
Newark 2, N.J.

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JOINT COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN  
ASSOCIATED COMMUNITY COUNCILS AND COUNCIL OF  
SOCIAL AGENCIES

Edmund J. Thirne, Vice President, Presiding.

PRESENT: Miss Agnes Coleman  
Henry Connor  
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William H. Eahn  
Leonard Eisman  
Gilbert L. Humdinger  
Mrs. R. Neal Quans  
Stanley B. Winter

Mr. Humdinger read the motion passed by the Executive Committee of the Council of Social Agencies approving the formation of the committee and outlining its functions.

In the discussion it was the general consensus that:

Community Councils are essential, that they can play a vital part in the Urban renewal plan for Newark.

That Newark is in a transitory stage and Community Councils are needed to help people make adjustment in the different neighborhoods and to make a peaceful transition.

That it is essential that they have professional staff.

That they must not lose their autonomy and must be free to act independently on all matters pertaining to their neighborhood and the city as a whole.

There is lack of centralized aid to community groups in Newark.

One of the tasks of the professional person would be to find and develop leadership in the neighborhoods.

Need for a central office for clearing information and planning common action, issue mimeograph material. Keep people informed as to what is happening in their neighborhoods and city as a whole.

It was brought out that in a number of cities, Community Councils are financed by the Welfare Federation with autonomy remaining within the Community Councils.

Keep Community Councils informed as to variances requested of Board of Adjustments.

Community Councils are essential, to develop a sense of responsible citizenship and concern of city affairs in the people of Newark.

Conclusions

1. It was pointed out that the Council of Social Agencies' Personnel Committee was meeting on August 14 to consider several personnel matters and Dr. Hahn stated that the matter of providing personnel for Associated Community Councils would be given careful consideration.

2. Mrs. Quens stated that a special committee from the Associated Community Councils would meet on the evening of August 12, 1959 to draft an outline or prospective regarding the work of Associated Community Councils, their possible relationship to the Council of Social Agencies and staffing of Associated Community Councils.

3. A meeting of this committee will be held early in September to review progress reports to be made by the Council of Social Agencies and the Associated Community Councils.

Respectfully submitted,

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